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" (c) The answer is in the affirmative. Orders have since been issued placing the District Panchayat Officer in charge of the panchayat board.

" (d) The question does not arise in view of the answer to clause (c).

" (e) The ex-special officer was not paid salary but a honorarium of Rs. 15 per mensem. His qualifications are not known. The candidate recommended by the President, District Board, Kistna, was one Kathari Manikya Ramachandra Rao (son of Sarishtadar-Magistrate, Taluk office, Nandigama), a graduate of the Andhra University."

SRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU:—" With reference to the answer to clause (a) of the question, may I know whether there is any disqualification attached to a person to be appointed as special officer, if he is connected with the Congress Committee?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" None, Sir."

Circular, if any, to the trustees and executive officers of religious endowments for preferring khadi to mill cloth.

* 106 Q.—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI on behalf of Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether trustees and executive officers of religious endowments have been circularized by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board to prefer khadi to mill-yarn in making purchases of cloth for temple purposes; whether the board circularized in the said manner on instructions from the Government or *suo motu*?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" Yes; the board issued a circular in the manner set out in the question at the instance of Government with a view to encourage khadi."

Damages caused by floods in Kistna district and preventive measures taken.

* 107 Q.—SRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the damage caused to portions of the Kistna district by the periodical floods of the Budameru;

(b) what proposals have been made to prevent the damage; and

(c) what action do the Government propose to take either to avoid or to mitigate the damage so occasioned?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.